

PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January 2019

Dear Parents,

This past month we have worked on recognizing and writing numbers 1-10. This month we will begin learning the capital letters and the sounds they make. We will also be doing a science unit and studying the four seasons. Various art projects will be integrated as well. Feel free to coordinate the snack with the letter of the day or science unit if you wish. Also, as you see your child's papers come home, please do not be alarmed if they are unfinished. We don't expect the three year olds to be able to complete or comprehend everything but we do need to challenge our four and five year olds. Writing skills will just be emerging as your child turns four. We do take this into consideration and try very hard not to 'overwhelm' students who aren't ready for all of the challenges. We just try to be as encouraging as possible.

January will also be the beginning of **HOMEWORK!** This will be fairly simple and should only take a few minutes for them to complete. Homework will be sent home on Mondays/Tuesdays and can be returned for a sticker on Wednesdays/Thursdays. This is just to help reinforce what we are learning in preschool as well as to help teach responsibility.

We will begin to incorporate summer birthdays on the snack calendar. We will celebrate them as "pretend birthdays" so that the students with summer birthdays will have a chance to celebrate their birthday during the preschool year.

As the first of the year is quickly approaching we do need to begin planning for the 2019-2020 preschool year. A preschool registration form will be sent out in January. If you plan to have your child enrolled next year please **stop by the school office** and let them know as soon as you can. We will give our current students priority. Also, if you have other children at home who will need a preschool spot next year please make that known as well. Remember, we do have a two-year curriculum for preschool so the units and art will be different each year. We also offer a third day option on Fridays for those who turn 4 by August 1st. For our students who plan to attend kindergarten next fall, we would love to answer any questions you may have about Our Redeemer's half-day or full-day kindergarten program. Please consider our kindergarten programs and pray about God's leading in that area!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope you enjoy the Preschool Christmas programs this Wednesday and Thursday! School will resume **January 3rd**.

God's Blessings! Mrs. K (Knutson)